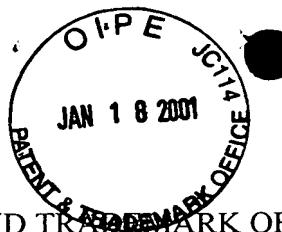


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**PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 AND 35 U.S.C. § 116**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a), please add the name Eric Emmanuel Alston, 393 Burton Street, Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina 27526, as an inventor to the above-identified application. In support of this petition are included:

- (a) A fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i);
- (b) A verified statement by Eric Emmanuel Alston that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on his part;
- (c) A Consent of Assignee duly executed by the assignee; and
- (d) An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The joint inventor was omitted as a result of error and without deceptive intention. Only after the application had been filed was it discovered that the unnamed inventor had been potentially omitted in error. Upon reviewing the claims as drafted and reviewing the facts, it was decided that Eric Emmanuel Alston was a joint inventor as to some of the claims, and, thus, should be added to appropriately correct the Inventorship. A mistake of judgment concerning the proper inventive entity can constitute a correctable "error" within the meaning of 35 C.F.R. § 116. In re Schmidt, 130 U.S.P.Q. 404 (C.C.P.A. 1961). Further, the proper inventive entity need not be conclusively proved "so long as the existence of error without deceptive intention is satisfactorily demonstrated." In re Searles, 164 U.S.P.Q. 623, 628 (C.C.P.A. 1970).

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the omitted inventor be added to correct the inventorship.

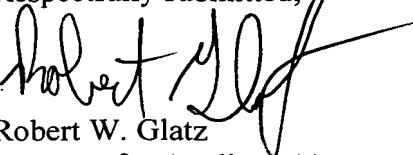
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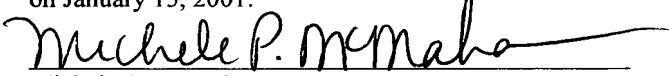
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a), Eric Emmanuel Alston of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina declares that:

1. I am an employee of Tyco Electronics Corporation.
2. As a joint-unnamed inventor, I had responsibility for development of TERMINAL BLOCKS AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND BREAKING CONNECTIONS IN A TELECOMMUNICATION CONDUCTOR.
3. The joint-named inventors, Julian Mullaney, William Alan Carrico, and Randy Duane Wilkinson and I worked together at various times on various aspects of the present invention illustrated therein.

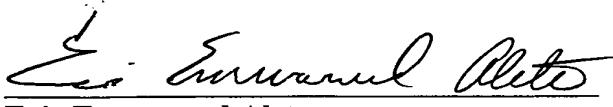
To the best of my knowledge, I believe that the invention described and claimed in the above-identified application was developed in part by myself and in part by Julian Mullaney, William Alan Carrico, and Randy Duane Wilkinson and through error without any deceptive intent I was not named as an inventor in the original application.

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent application or any patent issuing thereon.

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**CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO CHANGE INVENTORSHIP**  
**UNDER § 1.48**

Sir:

The below-named officer who represents Tyco Electronics Corporation, the assignee of the above-identified application, hereby consents to the amendment of the patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48, to add the following joint inventor:

Inventor: Eric Emmanuel Alston  
Address: 393 Burton Street  
Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina 27526

Respectfully submitted,  
Tyco Electronics Corporation

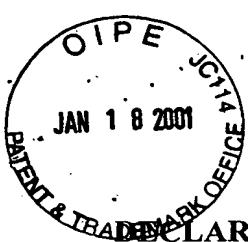
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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **TERMINAL BLOCKS AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND BREAKING CONNECTIONS IN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTOR,**

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OR

[ X ] was filed on July 27, 2000 as United States Application No. 09/626,168 or PCT International Application Number and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

None			[ ] Yes [ ] No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

None	
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)).

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following registered attorney(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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